Statement

The Items which are included in the Audit Paras

Para 52.5	Budget Allotment and Actual expenditure of Department of Posts
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Para 52.12	Loss of revenue of Rs.102.34 lakh

Indo-Romanian agreement on I.T.

2993. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Romania have entered into an agreement institutionalising a frame-work for cooperation and collaboration in critical sector of IT;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for this;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any areas have been identified as areas for cooperation; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The agreement would be valid for five years with the possibility of an automatic extension if mutually agreed by the parties.

(d) and (e) Jhe agreement is aimed at increased cooperation in the areas of Human Resource Development for IT education and IT based education, Software development, Exploring third party markets, E-commerce and E-governance, Internet applications, Manufacture, design and trade of IT and Electronics hardware which will enable Indian industry to penetrate the European markets.

Poor condition of communication services In U.P.

2994. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN 2AHIDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether communication facilities/services in U.R are in poor condition;

(b) whether telephone lines, capacity for various routes/places is inadequate and the callers have to wait for long to get connected to the desired number, especially during peak hours; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase line capacity of various routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATISUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Monitoring of traffic is a regular feature in the management of telecom services. As and when there is an increase in traffic, additional lines/circuits and added to the system as per requirement.